

every day. He is a dear friend. He is someone unlike anyone I think we have seen in recent times. He cares deeply for this body and has worked diligently to bring about a successful conclusion to this bill. We thank him.

Having thanked our colleagues, let me also thank our staff—our floor staff, my personal staff, the leadership staff, the staff of the committee. Were it not for them, we simply could not have done our work. I am extraordinarily grateful to them as well.

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#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 9, 2001

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon, Monday, July 9. I further ask consent that on Monday, July 9, immediately following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period for morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 12 to 12:30 p.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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#### PROGRAM

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, on Monday, July 9, the Senate will convene at 12 noon. We will convene at that time for a period for morning business until 1 p.m. At 1 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill under a previous order which calls for all listed amendments to be offered on Monday prior to 6 p.m. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday, July 9, and there will be no rollcall votes before 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10.

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#### ORDER FOR PRINTING OF S. 1052

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1052, as passed by the Senate, be printed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 176, following the conclusion of the remarks of Senator Kennedy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The distinguished senior Senator from Massachusetts.

#### PASSAGE OF THE BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam President, I want to take a brief moment to thank some very special people who were absolutely instrumental in bringing us to the point of the passage of the legislation which gives so much hope—and should give so much hope—to millions of American families who now are going to be treated by the doctors in whom they have confidence, by the health care staff from whom they are going to get true recommendations, and not have judgments and decisions overridden by their HMOs. We have not finished the job, but this is a giant step forward.

I want to, as others have done—I feel strongly about it—first thank some special Members of this body. We just heard our leader, Senator DASCHLE. I can remember when Senator DASCHLE was asked after he assumed the leadership role as the majority leader in the Senate, what was going to be his first priority, and he mentioned the Patients' Bill of Rights. For 5 years—for 5 years—we have waited for this moment this evening. For 5 years we have waited, and in the short time he has assumed the leadership of the Senate, in a closely divided Senate, he has been able to develop the broad support evidenced in vote after vote, bipartisan in such important public policy areas.

I thank my good friend, JOHN EDWARDS, whose leadership at critical times during this debate and during very important moments was absolutely indispensable and essential. He was extremely effective in his quiet and soft spoken way, but with a steeliness and a strength that is reflected in his great passion on so many of the issues which are in his soul. He has made an enormous difference in making sure we reached this point tonight.

I thank JOHN MCCAIN. Senator MCCAIN, as he has said many times, traveled this country as a Presidential candidate and saw the importance of this legislation. He came back and wanted to know how he could play a role in making sure it came to fruition. He was willing, as he has on so many issues, to take on tough challenges and stay the course, but he has been an absolutely extraordinary leader on this issue, as on many others. It has been a great pleasure to work with him closely on this matter.

As has been mentioned, JOHN EDWARDS has provided extraordinary leadership on this issue. He was indispensable in so many different aspects of the development of the legislation, likely all of those that deal with accountability. We know the importance of the relationship between accountability and patient protections in this bill. He was always a steadying force, a strong force, a tireless voice for patients and has made an extraordinary mark on this legislation for which we are grateful. This has been a historic team, and I am grateful for them.

I have great appreciation for HARRY REID. I listened the other evening when

my good friend, Senator BYRD, mentioned that he had been a deputy leader. He said Senator REID was really one of the best. Having been a deputy leader myself many years ago, it truly can be said he is the best I have seen in all the time I have been in the Senate. He is a tireless worker and always there to find common ground.

He has this incredible ability to say no and make you feel good, which is very difficult but challenging at best for anyone to do, and he does it on a regular basis, repeatedly, and still Members of this body know he is a selfless devotee to this institution and to the issues in which he is involved. He has made such an extraordinary difference in this legislation as well.

I want to thank some other Senators. I see chairing tonight my good friend, and becoming a better friend, DEBBIE STABENOW. All of us, as we have been working on this legislation, know this has been such a motivating force in her public life experience. She has been an extraordinary resource and supporter for this legislation. No one in this body cares more deeply about this issue than Senator STABENOW. She reminds us all of that wonderful child, Jessica, of whom she has spoken. She continues to be a presence in this Senate on this issue.

I thank a number of our colleagues who were involved, and I will not be able to mention them all, but I think of Senator SNOWE and Senator DEWINE who worked across the aisle to fashion a very important amendment that helped clarify some important provisions that we had not felt needed further clarification, but they pointed out the reasons for it and were constructive in working through it.

I thank my friend, Dr. FRIST, who has been the chairman of our Public Health Subcommittee and with whom I have worked on many different issues. We differed on this issue, but we worked closely on many other issues. I have great respect for him.

I thank JUDD GREGG who has been a worthy adversary as well as an ally on different public policy issues this year. I enjoy working with him.

Some Senators I had not expected to be as involved as they have been and yet were enormously helpful are Senator NELSON, Senator LANDRIEU, Senator LINCOLN, and Senator BAYH. Senator JEFFORDS spent a lot of time on this issue previously and worked with us and knows the issue carefully.

I have listened to him in small meetings, including at the White House with the President, explaining the importance of this legislation enormously effectively as he does. He has been a wonderful help generally. We didn't always agree on some of these issues, but nonetheless I value both his friendship and his views.

Senator BREAUX has been very much involved with health policy issues and was very involved in this.

TOM HARKIN has been a champion on the Patients' Bill of Rights from the